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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:
Makoto Fujino

For: **AUTOMATIC IMAGE QUALITY ADJUSTMENT ACCORDING TO LIGHTNESS
OF SUBJECT**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2002-332352,
filed on November 15, 2002.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 44 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract (in Japanese)
- ☒ 22 Sheets of Drawings (formal, in Japanese)
- ☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Small Entity Status:
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on Japanese Application No. 2002-332352, which was filed on November 15, 2002, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136)

☒ Applicant hereby makes and generally authorizes any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP064).

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